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This responds to the Interview Summary accompanying the August 28, 2007 Notice of Allowance in the above-identified application, documenting the substance of the telephonic interview between the undersigned attorney and Examiner Nelson Yang on August 17, 2007.

On August 16, 2007, a Discussion Document was transmitted to Examiner Nelson Yang, in which claims 8, 14, and 16 were amended, and claims 15, 17, and 18 cancelled. The amendments of the claims eliminated recital of susceptibility of a subject to develop NASH. Subsequent to the filing of this Discussion Document, a telephonic interview was held with Examiner Yang on August 17, 2007 to discuss the Discussion Document, as to the substance of the changes set out therein. The Examiner was in agreement with the amendments, as placing the application in condition for allowance, and Examiner stated to the undersigned attorney that an Examiner's Amendment would be sent out with the amendments discussed during the telephonic interview and contained in the August 16, 2007 Discussion Document.

The foregoing sets forth the substance of the telephonic interview of August 17, 2007.

Applicants hereby affirm the substance and accuracy of the information set out in the Interview Summary issued by the Examiner and accompanying the August 28, 2007 Notice of Allowance in this application.

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